

Compton Gifford Urban District Council

AND

URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1894.

THE Registration Returns show that there have been—

Births : Males, 29 ; Females, 30	...	...	...	...	Total 59
Deaths : „ 22 ; „ 23	...	...	...	...	Total 45
Natural Increase	...	...	...	...	14

The Mortality from all causes was 45, classified as follows—

	Under 5 years.				Over 5 years.
Small-pox	...	...	...	None	.....
Scarlatina	...	...	...	3	.....
Diphtheria	...	...	...	None	.....
Membranous Croup	...	...	...	do.	.....
<i>Fevers</i>	Typhus	...	...	do.	.....
	Enteric or Typhoid	...	...	do.	.....
	Continued	...	...	do.	.....
	Relapsing	...	...	do.	.....
	Puerperal	...	...	do.	.....
Influenza	...	...	...	do.	.....
Cholera	...	...	...	do.	.....
Erysipelas	...	...	...	do.	.....
Measles	...	...	...	do.	.....
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	...	...	2	.....	do.
Diarrhoea and Dysentery	...	...	None	.....	do.
Rheumatic Fever	...	...	do.	.....	do.
Ague	...	...	do.	.....	do.
Phthisis	...	...	1	.....	2
Bronchitis	...	...	2	.....	None
Pneumonia	...	...	1	.....	2
Pleurisy	...	...	None	.....	None
Heart Disease	...	...	do.	.....	7
Injuries (Suicide)	...	...	do.	.....	None
Murder	...	...	do.	.....	do.
Cancer	...	...	do.	.....	2
All other Diseases	...	...	8	.....	15
			16		29

The Mortality at different ages is as follows—

Under 1 year	10
1 and under 5 years	8
5 „ 15 „	1
15 „ 25 „	2
25 „ 65 „	5
65 and upwards	19
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							Total	45

Estimating the population 3752 to the middle of 1894, the death rate will be 11·993 per thousand, and the birth rate 15·724.

These rates compare favourably with last year, when the death rate was 12·875 per thousand, and the birth rate was only 10·925. In 1893 there was a natural decrease of three in the population, against a natural increase of fourteen in 1894. The deaths from zymotic disease exceeded those of last year by one, viz., three from scarlet fever, and two from whooping cough—the rate per thousand being 1·332, as against 1·095 last year.

The infantile death rate under one year per thousand is 167·79, which is higher than 1893, when it was 136·36.

As is to be expected, the mortality is greatest at the two extremes of life—thus it will be seen that out of 45 deaths ten were under one year of age, and 19 over 65 years.

The numbers being small it is difficult to draw any accurate conclusions from such data.

There have been notified to me the following cases—

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Membranous Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
							Total	21

This is a great diminution from last year when 35 cases were notified. It is also to be observed that Diarrhoea was notified for the first time this year, the Local Government Board having thought it would be desirable during the autumn to have cases of Diarrhoea notified, as it is a frequent forerunner of Cholera. It was therefore determined that it should be so notified in the cases which should occur in the district, in persons of two years of age and above.

During the year the drains of 70 houses have been tested with smoke and water, and the defects found have been made good. In some instances new drains altogether have been laid.

The cowsheds in the district have been visited, and the cleansing, by whitewashing, in accordance with the byelaws, insisted on.

In one case drains have been made to abate a nuisance.

Four houses have been fumigated where Scarlet Fever has been.

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